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Lieutenant General Lew Allen, Jr., USAF  
Director, National Security Agency  
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755

Dear General Allen:

By way of following up on our telephone conversation the other day, I am enclosing a copy of a paper on the National Imagery Plan for Satellites which [Redacted] prepared as part of his final report to General Wilson and Mr. Colby. I hope that it will serve to give you a better idea of the national intelligence planning approach we are attempting to develop.

At this juncture, I believe that the next iteration of the SIGINT plan can generally be adapted to the same basic approach which we will be using in the NIPS and the Human Sources Plan. As I mentioned to you, this would be a major step in allowing these plans to be integrated in forming an overall national intelligence plan.

The basic approach is one of laying out the planning in three time-oriented periods, i.e., Current Capabilities, Mid-Term Planning (plus five years), and the Long-Range Perspective (ten years beyond the Mid-Term). As you know, this basic division is also compatible with JCS planning practices.

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A secondary approach is the functional division between collection and processing. I realize this would be somewhat more difficult, and perhaps even arbitrary, in the case of COMINT, ELINT, and Telemetry. However, in your establishing the planning definition, it could be used as a standard for usage at the Community level.

[redacted] my Special Assistant for Planning, will be available to discuss this further with [redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Brigadier General, USAF  
Principal Deputy to the DCI for the  
Intelligence Community

Attachment:

National Imagery Plan for Satellites (NIPS)

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